# City of Malvern

# Minutes of the Malvern City Council

Monday, July 10, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers Malvern Police Department

The Malvern City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:30 in the council chambers located in Malvern Police Department at 110 North Main Street.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR BRENDA WELDON AT 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Weldon called the meeting to order.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Weldon led the invocation.

#### III. ROLL CALL BY CLERK/TREASURER KIM TABER

Council Members Present 7 - Sam Bryant; Lynn Davis; Wayne Reynolds; Peggy Lusinger; Matthew Keenan; Michael Smith; David Cross

Council Members Absent 1 - William Wilson

Also present was City Treasurer/Clerk Kim Taber, City Attorney Cecilia Ashcraft.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Keenan, seconded by Council Member Bryant, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2023. The motion passed and minutes were approved with the following vote.

Aye: 7 - Sam Bryan; Lynn Davis; Wayne Reynolds;

Peggy Lusinger; Michael Smith; David Cross

Absent: 1 - William Wilson

#### V. APPROVAL OF DEPARMENT REPORTS

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the Departmental Reports as posted. Council Member Cross inquired about the amount of alcohol fund revenue; Mayor Weldon stated that the fund revenue was in the financial packet. The motion passed and reports were accepted with the following vote:

Ave: 7 - Sam Bryant; Lynn Davis; Wayne Reynolds;

Peggy Lusinger: Michael Smith; David Cross

Absent: 1 - William Wilson

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

# A. Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code Known as the City of Malvern's 'Zoning Ordinance' (Second Reading)

Council Member Smith introduced the ordinance, Attorney Ashcraft read the ordinance by title only for its second reading.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Approve TruNarc Equipment for Police Department (ARPA Fund)

A motion was made by Council Member Lusinger, seconded by Council Member Keenan, to approve the purchase of the TruNarc equipment to be paid from the American Rescue Act Fund. The motion passed with the following vote, and the purchase of the TruNarc Equipment was approved.

Aye: 7 - Sam Bryant; Lynn Davis; Wayne Reynolds; Peggy Lusinger; Michael Smith; David Cross

Absent: 1 - William Wilson

Mayor informed those present that this new technology allows police officers to test narcotics (drugs) content within the container, thus not exposing the officer to potentially deadly chemicals within the narcotics.

#### B. Approve Flock Safety System for Police Department (ARPA Fund)

Mayor explained the flock system is a camera system that aids in license plates and other enhanced recognition that will help in stolen vehicle recovery, Amber Alerts, and aid police in investigations to solve crime. Council Member Keenan asked Police Chief Taber if the system was nationwide, to which he stated yes. Chief Taber also said there are 180 cameras currently within Arkansas, with 138 cameras in surrounding counties with continued growth. A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Keenan, to approve the purchase of the Flock Safety System to be paid from the American Rescue Act Fund. The motion passed with the following vote, and the purchase of the Flock Safety System was approved.

Aye: 7 - Sam Bryan; Lynn Davis; Wayne Reynolds; Peggy Lusinger; Michael Smith; David Cross

Absent: 1 - William Wilson

## C. Approve Bill of Assurance for Water Connection Nix Rd.

Mayor Weldon reminded the council that the two water connections to be approved, Nix Rd. and Military Rd., are at no cost to the city; lines were already run, and proper paperwork is complete. A motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the Bill of Assurance for Water Connection. The motion passed with the following vote, and the bill of assurance was approved for Nix Rd.

City of Malvern Page 2

Aye: 7 - Sam Bryant; Lynn Davis; Wayne Reynolds; Peggy Lusinger; Michael Smith; David Cross

Absent: 1 - William Wilson

## D. Approve Bill of Assurance for Water Connection Military Rd.

A motion was made by Council Member Keenan, seconded by Council Member Lusinger, to approve the Bill of Assurance for Water Connection. The motion passed with the following vote, and the bill of assurance was approved for Military Rd.

Aye: 7 - Sam Bryant; Lynn Davis; Wayne Reynolds;

Peggy Lusinger; Michael Smith; David Cross

Absent: 1 - William Wilson

# VIII. CITIZENS WISHING TO APPEAR

None

#### IX. MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor informed the council and those present that the city is in maintenance mode, including streets. She stated there are no big projects at present.

Council Member Keenan asked Police Chief Taber if there is a city ordinance or state law prohibiting ATV use on public streets, considering the recent ATV accident. Chief Taber stated that prohibited ATV use falls under Arkansas state law. Council Member Keenan also asked if a current investigation is open, to which Chief Taber responded the accident occurred outside of the city limits, so it would fall under county investigation, which would likely involve state police.

#### X. ADJORNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Cross, seconded by Council Member Bryant to adjourn. with no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Kim Taber, City Clerk/Treasure

OFFICIAL SEAL

Brenda J. Weldon, Mayor